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DATE: August 12, 2000

TO: ALL IDAHO NURSING FACILITIES

FROM: DEBBY RANSOM, R.N., R.H.I.T., Interim Chief
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SUBJECT: **STATE DESIGNATED RESIDENT ASSESSMENT INSTRUMENT (RAI)**

We have received written confirmation from the Health Care Financing Administration (HCFA) approving modification to the Resident Assessment Instrument (RAI) effective July 20, 2000. Beginning with assessments completed on or after July 20, 2000, Section U is **NO LONGER** required.

It was anticipated in 1998 that this information would be required. However, the anticipated requirements have not yet materialized and due to the time intense process for completion and the enhanced survey procedures related to medications, we recommended removing Section U as a requirement.

The state-specific instrument as of July 20, 2000, is:

- The core instrument remains the 1/30/98 update of the RAI Version 2.0
- The quarterly assessment remains the RUG III 1997 version.
- Section T is required for all complete (initial, annual, and significant change) assessments regardless of payer type.

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Please share this information with your software vendor so they may make the appropriate programming accommodations.

If you have questions, please contact Loretta Todd or Jack Weinberg at (208) 334-6626.

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